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D. BREWER EDDY
SOON TO ARRIVE

Through Europe, the Near East and the Orient at a time when dramatic history is in the making, Dr. D. Brewer Eddy, just returned from a world tour, brings a vivid and timely picture of civilization in transition as seen through the keen eyes of a Christian internationalist.

Dr. D. Brewer Eddy

For seven months Dr. Eddy, at times with his well-known brother, Sherwood Eddy, has visited England, Germany, Poland, Esthonia, Finland, Russia, Austria, Switzerland, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Egypt, India, Burma, China, Manchuria, Japan, and Hawaii. It has not been a superficial tourist's trip but a journey during which Dr. Eddy has studied economic and political conditions and has been privileged to talk with leaders of these countries, as well as with the common people. He also visited many of the American Board Mission stations in the Near East and Orient.

Fate seems to have placed Dr. Eddy at strategic points during this trip. Mingling with the masses in Berlin streets he heard Hitler deliver his speech to the Reichstag in defense of the summary executions of June 30, 1934; in Moscow he witnessed the annual review of 120,000 young men and girls who form the vast Youth Movement, marching past Stalin in the Red Square for four and one-half hours; in Warsaw he arrived as the great flood was ravaging the area around the Vistula; only the day before he reached Vienna, Dolfuss was assassinated.

In China, where Dr. Eddy remained for three months, he took part in a series of meetings among students wherein the Christian message and its application to China's needs was presented without compromise. His visit to Japan and Manchuria makes an unusual background for a sympathetic and intelligent discussion of the Orient and its manifold problems.

His previous experiences as a world traveler, plus his twenty-five years with the American Board of Commissins for Foreign Missions in the Home Department, have given him a background of history and geography in which to paint a picture of a new world and to interpret intelligently its present trends.

A RESOLUTION FOR 1935

By Rev. George E. Atkinson, Pastor of Congregational Church of Sebastopol

To be faithfully loyal to our Church, yet to have goodwill and fellowship toward all, and to make the influence of the Church as helpful as possible. To have a mission in life, and in our hearts the consciousness of a personal responsibility, and thus to let our prayers plan our lives. To permit our religion to lighten our burdens, and to use them as giving us power in lifting the burdens from others. To be incorruptibly honest, seriously in earnest, and wholeheartedly Christian. To have an enthusiasm for goodness, to view goodness as fundamental, happiness as incidental, character as important, and God's will supreme. To keep conscience above comfort, duty above delight, and our souls superior to our senses. To seek to adjust men to the truth as revealed in the Bible, to bring to them the living power of God's truth, to vitalize that truth in character, and reproduce it in manhood. To stand for liberty, not oppression; principle, not compromise; truth, not error; and for the Word of God always. To be true whoever is false, generous where others grasp, sweet tempered when others are fretful, patient amid distractions, bold against difficulties, hopeful under trials, and a Christian always. To work more vigorously, pray more earnestly, and sing more cheerily. To regard as unimportant the shout of the multitude, but to listen for the Master's "Well Done." And finally, so to live that our Best will be crowned by the Father's Better.

Eddy Dates

The following schedule will be followed by Rev. D. Brewer Eddy of the American Board during his visit in our conference:

Wednesday, January 16th: Arrive from the Orient.
- 6:15 p. m., First Congregational Church, San Francisco. Dinner and Mid-week meeting.

Thursday, January 17th:
- 9:45 a. m., Pacific School of Religion, Chapel Service.
- 10:30 a. m. to 3:00 p. m., Congregational Ministers at First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

Friday, January 18th:
- 10:30 a. m., League of Women Voters, St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.
- 2:10 p. m., Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Plymouth Church, Oakland.
- 6:30 p. m., Men's Club, Pioneer Congregational Church, Sacramento.

Saturday, January 19th to Wednesday, January 30th: Southern California.

Thursday, January 31st:
- 12:15 p.m., Luncheon, Palo Alto.
- 6:30 p. m., Dinner, First Congregational Church, San Jose.

Friday, February 1st:
- 12:00 noon, Men's Luncheon. Petaluma.
- 6:30 p. m., Dinner, First Congregational Church, Santa Rosa.

Sunday, February 3rd:
- 11:00 a. m., First Congregational Church, Stockton.
- 7:30 p. m., First Congregational Church, Lodi.

Monday, February 4th:
- 12:00 noon, Men's Luncheon, Pittsburg.
- 6:30 p. m., Dinner, First Congregational Church, Martinez.

Tuesday, February 5th:
- Forenoon, Chapel, College of the Pacific, Stockton.
- 12:30 p. m., First Congregational Church, Stockton.
- 6:30 p. m., Annual Meeting and Dinner, Bay Association, First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

Wednesday, February 6th:
- Noon and evening meetings at Fresno, arranged by Pilgrim and First Congregational Churches.

Thursday, February 7th: Leaves for Oregon.

Churches within reach of any of the places where Dr. Eddy is to speak should avail themselves of the opportunity by sending as many representatives as possible. It will be a favor if the pastor of the church where the meeting is being held is informed in advance of the number likely to attend.

BON VOYAGE

A group of friends of Rev. Wynn C. Fairfield, Secretary of the American Board, together with as many pastors of the Bay region as could be reached, gathered at luncheon on Friday, December 28th. Dr. Fairfield was en route to the Orient and stopped in San Francisco for just a few hours. He will spend several months in Japan and China, much of the time travelling with representatives of the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards of Foreign Missions, working out policies for a closer coordination of the work of the Boards. This trip is indicative of the influence which Re-Thinking Missions has had upon the enterprise, and also of the long-established policy of the American Board.

Bay Association Annual Meeting

The Program Committee and the Board of Directors of the Bay Association of Congregational Churches are at work to make the annual meeting one of the best that has ever been held. It was postponed from the usual time to Tuesday, February 5th, in order to have as main speaker Rev. D. Brewer Eddy, D.D., who is just returning from a trip around the world. Reports will be given, and officers elected. The meeting will follow a dinner which will be served at 6:30; price, 50 cents per plate. The place will be the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

EARL LECTURES; PASTORS' MEETING

The 15th Interdenominational Pastoral Conference at the Pacific School of Religion will be held February 11th to 14th. Professor Hartley Burr Alexander of Scripps College will lecture on Monday and Tuesday evenings, his subjects being "The Honor of God" and "Reason and the Future Life." Roger Babson of Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, famous as statistician and student of business affairs, will speak on Wednesday evening on "The New Deal in the Light of Christian Teachings," and on Thursday evening on "The Business Depression and the Way Out." Both Professor Alexander and Mr. Babson will speak at some of the day sessions.

Other lecturers include Fred B. Smith, leading inter-church layman and formerly Moderator of the National Congregational Council; Professor James Muilenberg from the University of Maine, and Rev. John J. Banninga, Principal of Union Theological Seminary, Madura, India. There will be sectional Round Tables under the leadership of Professor Carl S. Patton, Professor John Wright Buckham, Professor George T. Tolson, and Dean Chester C. McCown. Devotional services will be led by Rev. H. H. Shires of Alameda, Rev. W. P. Reagor of Oakland, and Rev. Walter John Sherman of Oakland.

The Congregational Pastors' Luncheon will be held Wednesday noon.

YEAR CLOSES

It is impossible to print the final figures of benevolences for 1934 in this issue of the Pacific. In order to permit churches to make last-minute collections the books are being held open until January 10th. Churches and individuals who want money credited on 1934 are thus given the opportunity for last-minute effort. There is still some hope that receipts for 1934 will fall not very far short of 1933, although at this writing they will most certainly not equal it. The February issue will contain a church-by-church report of all benevolences received in the Conference office during 1934 and also of the Thank Offering.

From the Commission on Missions office comes the word that on December 1st Northern California shows a loss of 7.8 per cent for the first eleven months of the year as compared with the same period in 1933. It is a sign of the continued loyalty of our people that this loss is still less than that of the average throughout the country, which was nearly 12 per cent. Among the Pacific slope states, Oregon is the only Conference having a better record for the first part of the year than our own.

Our readers will remember that each year during the depression, while we have had serious loss over the previous year, in not one instance has it been as severe as throughout the country as a whole.

The gratitude of the Boards and the Conference is due every church and every contributor for all that has been accomplished.

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"CREATIVE TEACHING"

By Laura Bell Everett

"Creative Teaching" is a book that every Church School or vacation school superintendent may well wish that every one of his teachers would read. Its author modestly suggests that he has written for those who have never studied pedagogy or taken teacher training, yet many "who need not to be instructed but to be reminded" will welcome the genially human way in which the reminder is given. The author understands children and makes the underlying principles of teaching definitely applicable to the Sunday School class. In simple language he takes up the aims and requirements of teaching, the necessary preparation, and the necessity of giving the children opportunity to exercise in real situations what they have learned.

The author, Doctor John Wallace Suter, Jr., served for five years at the head of the Religious Education Work of the Diocese of Massachusetts and afterward in the same work for the whole Episcopal Church in the United States.

The little volume will come with a definite message to many teachers. While it is sub-titled "Letters to a Church School Teacher," it suggests, rather, talks with a helpful friend. The charming dedication reads: "To My Best Teacher I Ascribe All the Good Ideas in This Book and All Its Errors to My Best Teacher's Most Grateful Pupil."

("Creative Teaching," by John Wallace Suter, Jr., Revised Edition. The Macmillan Company, $1.25.)

A GAMBLER FOR GOD

By Toyohiko Kagawa

I am a gambler for God.

I stake all on Him—my money, my position, my reputation.

Like the leader of the gambling gang, whose ways I saw intimately during my years in the slums, I'm risking my all, not for evil, but for good. Odd or even, the issue will be according to God's will.

I could live in comfort. But when such multitudes are plunged so deeply into suffering, I, for one, cannot possibly be content to live an easy life.

So I am poor because I am this kind of a gambler. Jeremiah called himself God's Drunkard. I call myself God's Gambler, having staked my all on Him.—"The Spire."

CACOYPA CONFERENCE

Word comes of a registration of about 175 young people at the Mid-winter Conference held at First Congregational Church, Oakland. Among the speakers were Muriel Lester of London, Allan Hunter of Los Angeles, W. J. Sherman of Oakland, and Kirby Page of New York.

SIXTY YEARS OLD

The sixtieth anniversary of its founding was celebrated by the Tulare Congregational Church during November. Rev. Benjamin Gould of San Jose, a former pastor, returned for the occasion and preached at the morning service, using as his theme, "The Church Looks Forward." A sumptuous banquet was served on the evening of the 22nd by the ladies of the church. There was a large attendance of present and former members. Letters of greeting from absentees were read, and a history of the church was presented. Rev. C. D. Milliken has been supplying the church since the 1st of November.

E. F. W. SWAN RESIGNS

Rev. E. F. W. Swan, for several years pastor of the Piedmont Community Church and a ministerial member of the Bay Association, has resigned as of December 31, 1934. For the coming year he will devote himself to study and teaching at the Pacific School of Religion. Mr. Swan came to the Piedmont Church from Australia, and has made for himself an enviable reputation as a thinker and preacher. It is his desire to fit himself for further opportunities by study for the doctorate.

IN MY BARBER SHOP

I know a barber who keeps track of the time his patrons should have their hair cut. If they fail to appear on schedule he calls them up and asks, "Don't you know that you need a hair cut? Or are you going to braid it?" And the man can look in the mirror and see for himself. If your Minister should call up and remind you that you need to come to church (shall we say for a trimming?), you will not be able to detect the need by looking in the mirror, but the hairy growth will be there just the same. Recall the warning of the New Testament writer who wrote of the man who "beholdeth himself in a mirror and straightway goeth away and forgetteth what manner of man he is!"—Lawrence Wilson, "The Pioneer."

MODERN MARTYRS

Miss Emily F. Bostwick of San Jose writes concerning Mr. and Mrs. Stam of the China Inland Mission, who were recently kidnapped and murdered by bandits: "Mrs. Stam, the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries, was one of the lovely girls in our North American School in Tunghsien some years ago. She and her sister attended the school, and their father was one of the trustees."

TYPHOON DAMAGE

Late letters report no loss of life or injury to missionaries, staff or property in Kobe, but Doshisha University, Kyoto, suffered property losses of about $30,000 including the total destruction of the King Dormitory, a gift of President Stanley King of Amherst College. The other Amherst building remains intact.

RECORD BROKEN

An average attendance of 320 pupils was reported by Rev. B. Y. Leong, Principal of the Hip Wo School, to the meeting of the Board of Directors on January 4th. This is far and away the largest attendance that the school has enjoyed in its history. It will probably not be possible to take care of a larger enrollment, for the space now occupied cannot safely be used for more pupils.

CHRISTMAS FUND OVER THE TOP

Just before going to press a letter arrived from the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, stating that on December 28th the Christmas Fund was within $140 of last year's total, which seems to make certain that final figures for 1934 will exceed those for 1933.

The generous giving of Congregationalists throughout the nation, in response to this appeal, has made it possible to send out a special Christmas gift to each minister and minister's widow on the pension roll of the National and State societies of ministerial relief. This is in addition to the regular appropriations, and averages for ministers $40 and for widows $32. Northern California, which cooperates in and encourages the National appeal, receives its pro-rata for distribution among its own pensioners. Checks were mailed on the Saturday before Christmas.

If the donor to this sacred fund was able to read the letters of gratitude that come from the recipients, the reward would be ample. The extra gifts help toward medicine, clothing, spectacles, and many other necessities and simple comforts.

Those Cent-a-Meal Boxes

Returns are beginning to come in from the Cent-a-Meal boxes. A total of twenty-eight churches in our Conference now have them in use. The advantage of this plan is that the boxes may be used continuously. Gummed labels are furnished by the Conference office free of charge for sealing the boxes shut after opening.

In order to make the plan a success it is necessary to have a committee in sympathy with the work, frequent mention made from the pulpit, and regular quarterly opening of the boxes.

WEST BAY RALLY

The young people's group of Ocean View Church was host to West Bay Cacoypa at its December rally. Officers were elected at a Protracted Dinner. There followed an enjoyable and instructive period of games and songs under the inimitable leadership of Rev. Williston Wirt.

KUMIAI CHURCHES

Japanese pastors in the aided Kumiai churches have suffered greatly because of reduced salaries. They are carrying on without retreat, notwithstanding the cut of $5000 (25 per cent of the total budget for evangelistic work from American Board appropriations). There are 106 of the 188 Kumiai churches in the Home Missionary class. . . . REV. MICHIO KOZAKI (see picture in booklet "The American Board in Japan") is one of the most courageous leaders in the peace movement in Japan today. He is the minister of the Reinanzaka Church in Tokyo, with a membership of 1000.

Mrs. Florence Banham

Mrs. Florence Banham, who for recent years has made her home in Pacific Grove, passed away a few days ago. Mrs. Banham was the widow of the late Rev. Henry E. Banham, who served our churches in Eureka, Stockton, and other places. It is hoped that a fuller statement concerning the life of Mrs. Banham will be available for a future issue.

JIMMY & HELEN

OFF TO LOS ANGELES

Rev. James H. Price and his helpmeet, Helen, have accepted a call to the Garvanza Congregational Church in Los Angeles, and are already at work on their new field. Mr. Price has had two pastorates in this Conference, one at Fairfax and the other as associate at the Grace United Church in San Francisco. In addition, he has been greatly interested in the Berkeley Week-Day Church Schools and in many other projects involving children and young people. For several years he has been the promotional director of the Asilomar Young People's Conference, and to him is due in large part the splendid attendance at those gatherings. He has served as a member of the Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work, and as our representative to the State Council of Religious Education. Mrs. Price has been Young People's Secretary of the Federation of Congregational Women, and a member of the Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work, and the Benevolence Promotion Committee.

No two people in the Conference have given themselves to our fellowship in a more unselfish way than have "Jimmy and Helen." It is with sincere regret that their many friends see them leave this Conference and The Pacific wishes to congratulate Southern California. We shall hope to have news from the Prices from time to time for our columns.

Dr. Banninga in California

Rev. John J. Banninga, D.D., Principal of Union Theological Seminary, Madura, India, is to serve as Professor of Missions at the Pacific School of Religion during the spring semester, beginning January 15th. During February, March, and April, he will be available for speaking to churches and church groups throughout our Conference. Pastors and presidents of women's groups may reach him after January 15th at 1820 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley. Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, Executive Vice-President of the American Board, writes concerning Dr. Banninga as follows: "He has made a remarkable record of Christian service in India, and proved again and again his acceptability to audiences of all kinds here in America. The other day he spoke to a group of eighteen officials of the Episcopal church in New York City, including three bishops. His message concerned Christian unity on the basis of the remarkable experience which various Christian bodies in South India have had. These friends kept him busy for an hour answering questions. I listened to him recently in Chicago, and it is my judgment that there could hardly be a more interesting presentation of modern missionary work."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 17-18—Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

January 20-24—Mid-Winter Meetings, Evanston, Illinois.

February 11-14—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

February 5—Annual Meeting of Bay Association of Congregational Churches, First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

July 27 to August 3—Asilomar Young People's Conference.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

TRINITY COUNTY. The Weaverville church has gone way beyond previous years in its missionary giving. The Sunday School provided two needy families with clothing and food at Thanksgiving time. The Sunday School and church cooperated with schools and other organizations in putting on a community Christmas. The reorganized choir is doing a fine piece of work. The Saturday before Christmas the choir and the junior orchestra, with the minister, gave a program at the County Hospital. As an expression of gratitude, the patients at the hospital composed and sent the following lines:

"The young church orchestra, their music was sweet.
It seems to ease those poor old hearts and raise them on their feet.
What a blessing it is to have a sympathetic view with a will.
It goes to show they are not forgotten by the good people of Weaverville.
And from our hearts we thank you, for the beautiful time.
Wishing you all the compliments of the season, being Christmas time.
We thank you."

LODI. The Chest of Joash plan was followed for the raising of the 1935 budget instead of the Every-Member Canvass. At the close of the morning service on December 9th a boy bearing a seven-branch candlestick was followed by two deacons carrying a chest, which was placed on the Communion table. The members of the choir and the congregation marched in procession, depositing their pledges. On Sunday evening before Christmas the oratorio, "Holy City," was rendered by the choir, under the direction of Professor Allan Bacon. Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

PALO ALTO. A vested choir of 36 members furnished fifty minutes of music on Christmas Sunday morning, the selections being taken from "The Messiah." At the vesper service, a children's choir of 24, all in vestments, sang Christmas carols from memory. The church has closed the year in a satisfactory condition financially, and a goodly class of new members is expected early in January. Rev. Willard B. Thorp is the pastor.

MARTINEZ. Rev. Harvey V. Miller, the pastor, begins his eighth year of work in this church. At the annual meeting, the Sunday School, Ladies' Society, and Christian Endeavor, were shown to be in a flourishing condition. The entire budget for 1935 was raised by the Every-Member Canvass, and additional pledges secured to apply on unpaid bills for 1934. An increase in benevolence goal was adopted.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A great crowd of people were present at the Christmas pageant, many persons declaring it was the finest thing of the sort that the town has seen. The financial canvass has gone unexpectedly well. Rev. Glenn Corbin, the pastor, was on the program at the Murphy community Christmas exercises.

S. F., CALVARY. Fourteen new members were received into the church on Christmas Sunday, 11 of them on confession of faith. The Christmas pageant, arranged by the minister, Rev. H. M. Hovagimian, was a real success and largely attended. More than fifty were present at the New Year's Watch Night service.

TULARE. Rev. Arthur L. Rice of the Phillips Congregational Church of Salt Lake City has been called as pastor. He will move to Tulare to begin work by January 20th. Mr. Rice is not unacquainted with California, having studied at Pacific School of Religion for one year. Following his graduation from McCormack Seminary, he was pastor at the Presbyterian churches at Myton, Utah, and Klamath Falls, Oregon. In 1925 he transferred his allegiance to the Congretational fellowship and became the pastor of the Phillips Church in Salt Lake City. He was the leading spirit in the organization and carrying through of the Utah Summer Assembly for young people. For the past two or three summers he has served as ranger in Yosemite National Park. Mrs. Rice is interested in pageantry and young people's work. Incidentally, Mr. Rice is a brother of the new State Superintendent of Washington.

SACRAMENTO. That the Sunday evening Seminar is rendering a real service, not only to the church but the community, is evidenced by the increasing attendance. On a number of occasions it has been necessary to move into the church auditorium. The attendants participated very freely in the discussion. In the opinion of a prominent layman in Sacramento, who is not a Congregationalist, this Seminar is accomplishing one of the most valuable things that any church is doing. Rev. Lawrence Wilson is the pastor.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. Can any church in our fellowship equal this record? Of the subscriptions made by the local people to the support of this project during the past year one hundred per cent were paid in full. A contribution was made to Conference benevolences. A one-act Christmas play was given by the girls' classes of the Sunday School. Christmas baskets were prepared and Christmas stockings taken to the Children's Hospital. Mr. John H. Gregg is the director.

OROVILLE. This church, which had been running behind financially and using up some capital funds, is now operating on a balanced budget and has caught up with the deficit. Two hundred fifty people were served at a turkey dinner put on by the ladies of the church. Mr. Tom Elliott, a former "Y" secretary in China, gave a splendid missionary address at a Sunday evening vesper. Rev. Elmer G. Brinkmeyer is the pastor.

SAN RAFAEL. This church was greatly benefited by the team of visitors, consisting of Rev. Gail Cleland, Mrs. Cleland, Mr. E. B. Mead, and Mrs. Mead. A five weeks' school of missions was held during the autumn. The Cent-a-Meal boxes have been accepted by the church. Rev. F. G. Appleton is the minister.

RENO. A great class of new members was received into the church on Harvest Home Day, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, 22 by confession of faith, and 10 by letter. A young people's church is being formed, the charter roll of which is now open. Rev. William Moll Case is the pastor.

COTATI. Church attendance continues to increase. A budget has been drawn up for the coming year which contemplates self-support. Mr. Milton G. Gabrielson is the pastor.

AUBURN. The average attendance at the morning worship service is twenty-five per cent greater than during the autumn months a year ago. The Women's Guild, which has an attendance of 35 at its monthly meetings, sponsors a semi-monthly Bible class under the leadership of Mrs. J. M. Ward. An intermediate young people's society with a membership of twelve has been organized. Food and clothing for several families were provided at Thanksgiving. The primary and junior departments of the Sunday School presented a Christmas pageant to a crowded house. One baby was baptized. Rev. R. N. England is the pastor.

SOQUEL. This church has made a gain in benevolences over the past few years, the Cent-a-Meal boxes contributing splendidly toward that end. The budget of the church is balanced, and the attendance averages well. There is a girls' chorus choir, and the Junior Christian Endeavor attends the first half hour of the morning worship. The pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, has addressed over a thousand people in the various groups of which she has been speaker this year, and has made over four hundred pastoral calls.

PESCADERO. Sunday School is being held at four o'clock on Sunday afternoons and vesper service at five, with Rev. Victor H. Morgan serving as pastor. About 35 are in attendance at services of worship. A Boy Scout troop has been organized which has the backing of ten of the best men in the community who have associated themselves together as a troop committee. The church building has been thoroughly cleaned and plans are on foot for renovation.

SAN CARLOS. The church has met its apportionment, and at the annual meeting held on Wednesday, January 2nd, reports showed that the year had been closed with all obligations cared for and the budget for the new year adopted in a spirit of confidence. A capacity house greeted the members of the Sunday School who presented a Christmas service on Sunday evening, the 23rd. Rev. R. B. Cherington is the pastor.

WOODSIDE. The little church building is two-thirds filled every Sunday morning, and on the occasion of the two Christmas programs it was crowded. Rev. Victor H. Morgan, pastor, has been made Scout Commissioner for the south end of San Mateo County, and is reaching a large number of young people through the church and scout programs.

ADIN. During the past month there has been an average attendance of thirty-five at the young people's society meetings. The church participated in a community Christmas tree held at the high school. Rev. A. W. Monosmith is the pastor.

SANTA ROSA. During the first four months of the pastorate of Rev. Westwood Wallace, outstanding obligations of the church were reduced by about $200 and current bills met practically in full.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Seventy-five young people sang carols on Christmas eve. Candlelight service and installation vesper was attended by a large congregation the last Sunday night of the year. Rev. H. R. Colbert is pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. At the annual meeting splendid reports from all departments were presented. Bills for the year had been paid. Church attendance, benevolences, and the number received into membership on confession of faith, had all improved over previous years. Benevolence goal in excess of that suggested by the State Committee was adopted for 1935. Votes of appreciation were given to a number who had served the church faithfully in various capacities for a long period of years. The pastor, Rev. George E. Atkinson, has entered the sixth year of his service.

PACIFIC GROVE. The executive officers of the Christian Endeavor Society, numbering 16, have divided themselves into four groups. Each week one group meets with the prayer meeting committee to plan the Christian Endeavor service for the following Sunday. Once each month all four groups gather for dinner, at which time plans are laid for the coming month. A debate on Foreign Missions featured one Sunday evening program. The missionary quota of the church has been cared for by three groups of the Women's Association. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

FAIRFAX. Thirty-five well-packed baskets were sent to the women at the County Farm by the Dorcas Society. During the year there have been donations by this group to Red Cross, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts, Presbyterian Hospital, and Tillotson College. Rev. James W. Price, the pastor, has served as preacher occasionally at San Quentin Prison and finds great satisfaction in being able to advise and help some of the men in that institution.

S. F., UNITED CHURCH OF THE MISSION. Nearly $500 was cleared at the Fall Festival. Since June the deficit of the church has been reduced by about $800. The church has exceeded 1933 giving to Congregational benevolenes, and has packed boxes of toys and clothing for the Modoc Indians. All of this is in addition to work and giving of like nature to Methodist benevolences. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton is the pastor.

BENICIA. New heating arrangements have been made in the church auditorium. A men's choir from Berkeley furnished a program of Christmas music to a large congregation. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of men attending service. Rev. E. W. Houlding is pastor.

EUREKA. About $35.00 was received from the first opening of the Cent-a-Meal boxes. The church will exceed the goal of giving adopted early in the year. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

Rev. W. E. Eckles at Home

The many friends of Rev. William E. Eckles will be sorry to learn that he is still confined to his home in San Jose with illness. He recently spent a few days in San Francisco for special medical treatment, but returned home the day before Christmas.

PACIFIC SCHOOL of RELIGION
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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Program of Annual Meeting

The 12th annual meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, 3805 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland, on January 17-18, 1935.

The program will open Thursday afternoon at 2:15, with Mrs. Frank J. Greene presiding. Mrs. L. B. Williams of Plymouth Church will extend greetings. Following reports by the secretary, treasurer, and auditor, Miss Helen M. Perkins will speak on "Tools for Our Use." Presidents of the Central, Sacramento, and Santa Clara Associations will report for their districts. Mrs. Chester Marliave will preside at candle-lighting vespers.

The Fellowship Dinner will be served at 6:30. An address on "Riders for India's Horses" will be delivered by Rev. John J. Banninga, D.D., Principal of Union Theological Seminary, Madura, India.

On Friday morning, beginning at 10:15, following a devotional service led by Mrs. James Hazlett, department secretaries will give their reports. Officers will be elected and installed. The President's message will be delivered by Mrs. Frank J. Greene. Following buffet luncheon at 12:30, the afternoon session will convene at 2:00. Principal address will be delivered by Rev. D. Brewer Eddy of the American Board, Boston. Rev. O. W. S. McCall of Berkeley will lead in the closing devotions.

The dinner on Thursday evening will be fifty cents per plate, and the luncheon Friday noon thirty-five cents. Reservations should be sent to Mrs. L. B. Williams, 50 Rock Lane, Berkeley; AShberry 9219.

Delegates wishing entertainment should communicate with Mrs. Huber Burr, 2612 Dana Street, Berkeley.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

At the request of Mrs. D. E. Brown, Acting Women's Secretary of the Commission on Missions, several of our women have compiled services of devotion or installation to be sent out through the medium of the President exchange. "Where Dwellest Thou?" written by Mrs. H. N. Hobart of Sacramento; "Come, Walk with Me," by Mrs. Harley H. Gill, and "The Seven Lamps of Devotion," by Mrs. Frank J. Greene, have been some of the contributions, and presidents are very glad to be using Mrs. James Price's beautiful Candle Light Ceremony of Installation. Copies of any of these may be secured from Mrs. Gill, our Chairman of Prayer Cycle.

"The Daffodil Lady"

Through the sale of beautiful daffodils from the gardens of Mrs. Charles Cragin's home at Santa Rosa, more than $1000.00 has been turned in to church work and benevolences. Let no one despise small beginnings, for when a consecrated determination leads the way the success of the venture is sure. This church is also peculiarly fortunate in having as one of its leaders Mrs. Westwood Wallace, the wife of the pastor. Mrs. Wallace has done missionary work in China, and besides being gifted as a speaker, she possesses rare tact and ability as a church leader. Under her supervision a young mothers' club has been organized and is functioning successfully.

"To See Ourselves"

The men of North Church, Berkeley, recently presented a delightful evening of fun for the Women's Association. It was a burlesque of a business meeting of the women. The men impersonated their wives in dress and manners, etc. It was quite an eye-opener to some of the wives.

Easter Bonnets

The Easter Bonnet drive at the Sonoma State Home netted $65.00, and a well-planned food sale brought the amount to $100.00. Mrs. F. A. Butler, wife of the Director of the Sonoma State Home, is the successful president of these energetic societies.

Mite or Might at Kenwood

The work of that splendid though small society proves that numbers are not necessary to success. (There are twenty-four members.) This little group contributed $11.00 monthly towards the pastor's salary, pays the church taxes and financially assists the trustees of the church in meeting the budget. At Easter time each member was given a small Easter bonnet which was to be filled with money earned by the recipient. Six months later these bonnets were turned in. The tale of how the money was earned was told, and $20.00 was added to the treasury.

The Teas are well attended and the women prepare their own interesting programs. There have been talks on the following subjects: Yellowstone National Park, Anaconda Smelter of Montana, Denmark and the Danes, Diamonds, Poultry Cultivation, Wild Birds, and other subjects.

Quilting Parties

The Eureka Ladies' League divided geographically into four circles this year with the result that they worked most of the summer filling their quilt orders, and thereby have earned an enviable reputation for their excellent work. It was a happy surprise to be able to clear off a bank note of $300.00, three months sooner than hoped for. Three of the groups have raised over $600.00 this year.

Parcel Post Sale

On February 1st the ladies of First Church, Oakland, are to have a unique event. Postcards have been sent out asking for packages of at least twenty-fice-cent value to be mailed to them by the first of this month. The parcels will be sold, a mail order dinner will be served; mail clerks will be in attendance, and the parcel post idea carried out in all details.

Evening Meetings

This year the Women's Association at San Francisco First, which includes four circles, has been trying the experiment of evening meetings following the second Wednesday dinner of each month. When desirable, the women are by themselves during the program, but in the main they have been of such general interest that the men have been invited to remain.

Morning, Noon and Night

The dedication of A-CENT-A-MEAL links your family with the wide fellowship of many thousands in our church who care for others.

It is neither a dollar, nor ten dollars, but the smallest coin minted by the government—a cent—that each family is asked to give. Here the privilege and opportunity of giving to the support of the greatest undertaking of the church is brought within the range of us all.

Our Lord set store by "the small things": "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"; "The giving of a cup of cold water"; "The widow's mite into the treasury box"; "The grain of mustard seed smallest of all herbs"; even so, the copper cent, smallest of all our coins, will lead us forward with renewed faith and vision.

The box has great educational values: The giving of the cent frequently leads to some discussion of the work of the church in the various avenues of our national life, and in the needy fields beyond the seas. The cent drops into the box and there follows a prayer, a thought, and a new interest in China, Japan, India, Africa, the Near East, the Philippines and the far-flung stretches of our United States.

It is the Family's recognition of God's Goodness: The very act of dropping a coin into the box for such a high purpose says, "We are thankful to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, who has blessed us with food, raiment, homes, friends. We acknowledge it is not only blessed to receive, but also it is a blessed thing to share what we have with others." It is in very truth a "blessing box."

It brings joy: Any investment made in God's work is never lost. "What we give we have." All those who invest in the enrichment of the world's life have the assurance and joy that they have shared in the greatest undertaking in the world.

Cloverdale Pays Debt

The women of the church at Cloverdale have been bending all their energy towards clearing the balance of the debt which they undertook some years ago, when the church was presented with a new carpet for the auditorium, choir loft, and choir room. Besides this there were new drapes for the church proper, linoleum in one Sunday School room, and extra windows. It was a large debt for a small church; but it has now been wiped out. All worked together, and the deed is done. Now for the next project.

"Although there are more male university students per thousand in Japan than in the British Isles there are only three institutions of university rank for women: Kobe College, Nishinomiya; Christian College for Women, Tokyo (Union), and Japan Women's College, Tokyo (under Japanese management)."

"One of the greatest contributions of Christianity to Japan is in the share it has in the elevation of women. Christian ideals have permeated the whole cultural system of Japan and are changing the attitude of people toward prostitution and polygamy."

Sebastopol Love Box

The Woman's Club of the Sebastopol Church sent a Love Box to one of their members who was ill. The box contained practical things for the sickroom, and also some comforting poems, jokes, short stories and copies of some of the beautiful hymns dearly loved by the invalid. Enough gifts were sent for at least two weeks' enjoyment and they were marked at what hour of the day to be opened.

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Truly there are lives that are melodious, whose influence is like that of music rich and fine, remaining long after the notes are stilled.

There is one very practical but effective way by which our thoughts, interests, prayers, desires and influence may be perpetuated.

The institutions which we believe in and which we love will need and profit by our financial support after we are gone as they do today.

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